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<b>Application No.: 09/681,691</b>	
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<b>Title: Fibre-Channel Arbitrated-Loop Split Loop Operation</b>	<b>Examiner: Kevin D. Mew</b>
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<b>Customer No.: 021121</b>	

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action of April 5, 2005, and is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and required fees. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.